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made after the ship struck to secure the safe landing of the Royal party, which was effected by boats from the French cruiser *Friant*. That the rescue was attended by considerable danger is shown by the statement that one of the boats capsized and that one of the young Princesses had a narrow escape from drowning. The further statement that rocket apparatus is being taken overland to the scene of the wreck, owing to "communication by sea being difficult," helps us to picture still more clearly the perils of the situation. It is a matter for sincere congratulation throughout the British dominions that Her Royal Highness the Princess ROYAL, her husband, the Duke of Fife, and their two daughters have been safely brought to shore from the wrecked steamer, and it will be sincerely hoped that the news may speedily come that the whole of the passengers have been rescued, and that not a life has been lost. So far as human effort can avail to secure the safe landing of the passengers the public know that they can rely with confidence on the officers employed on the ships of the P. & O. Company, and we may go further and say that the reputation which the P. & O. steamers have long enjoyed by reason of their careful navigation justifies the expectation that the circumstances causing the wreck, when they are fully known, will not be found to include negligence on the part of the officers. It is a curious coincidence, which doubtless many have already noticed, that this unfortunate mishap to a steamer bearing the name of *Delhi* should have occurred on the very day that His Majesty the King-Emperor was holding his historic Durbar in the ancient Mogul capital and proclaiming to the people of India the decision to once again make Delhi the seat of the government of India. We can all imagine how relieved THEIR MAJESTIES must have been to receive news of the safety of the members of the Royal Family travelling to Egypt on the ship, and THEIR MAJESTIES will scarcely need the assurance that the relief and satisfaction they feel is shared throughout the wide dominions of the Crown and probably by none more sincerely than the millions of their subjects in India who are at this moment giving proof of their attachment to the throne by rejoicings on an unprecedented scale to mark the historic occasion of the first visit to India paid by its ruler since Great Britain became responsible for the government of the country.

The German Mail of the 13th November was delivered in London on the 13th inst.

Information has been received of the reopening by the Chinese Telegraph Administration of telegraphic communication with Hankow, for plain language telegrams only.

It was reported that Sun Yat Sen was on board the German mail steamer *Prinz Ludwig* yesterday. This, however is an anticipation, as he is not due here for some days yet.

The rowdy element has not been completely subdued in Hongkong yet. On Wednesday a crowd at the City Hall rescued a hawk from an Indian sergeant who had arrested him.

While out riding in the dragoon a week ago near Siccawell, Dr. E. Birt of Shanghai was thrown from his pony, which rolled over him. He sustained three broken ribs and also broke his left collar bone. He was removed to his home.

Among the honours conferred by His Majesty the King-Emperor at the Durbar at Delhi is a baronetcy on the Hon. Sir Sassoon David, Kt. The new baronet, who is a member of the Viceroy's Council, is senior partner of the firm of Messrs. S. J. David & Co., and the brother of Mr. A. J. David.

Arrangements have been made for Kovarick, the boy violinist, to give a concert in the theatre on Thursday next. Assistance has been kindly promised by the best local talent and the Orchestra of the 1st Bn. King's Own Light Infantry will also assist. The proceeds are to go in aid of the Diocesan Girls' School, and the concert has the patronage of H. E. The Governor. Kovarick's performances are highly eulogised in all the press notices we have seen and the concert he has arranged to give here will doubtless prove as successful as the concert he has given elsewhere in the East.

The American Committee appointed by the International Bible Students' Association to investigate the work of foreign missions in China, Japan, India, Africa, and Arabia, their methods and teachings left San Francisco on the *Shinyo Maru* and is due to arrive here on January 9th. The chairman of the committee is Pastor Russell, of the London and Brooklyn Tabernacles, one of the best known ministers in America. He came into prominence through his teaching of the error of "hell fire" and other distinctive teachings. Last spring he accepted the pastorate of the London Tabernacle, and agreed to spend two months in the spring and two months in the fall of each year in London. The other members of the committee are General Wm. Hall, Dr. A. L. W. Jones, Prof. Robinson, Messrs. Robert E. Maxwell, J. T. D. Pyles, and E. W. V. Kuehn.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE WRECK OF THE
"DELHI."PRINCESS ROYAL AND FAMILY IN
GRAVE PERIL.

LONDON, December 14th.

Reuter's correspondent at Gibraltar wires that the P. and O. steamer *Delhi*, conveying the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their daughters to Egypt, has gone ashore to the south of Cape Spartel. The weather was stormy, but the boats of the French cruiser *Friant* rescued the passengers, including the Princess Royal, and landed them at Cape Spartel.

A detachment of Tangier police is proceeding with mules towards Spartel in order to fetch the shipwrecked passengers and crew.

(This message arrived late. It should have preceded the telegrams which we published yesterday morning reporting that the *Delhi* was in a dangerous position. As our readers are aware, the *Delhi* is one of the ships on the Bombay-China run. She had gone home for this one voyage, and was on her way back to China.)

The members of the Royal party have reached Tangier. After spending a night at the Legation, they will probably proceed to Gibraltar to-morrow.

From confused accounts of the wreck, it is gathered that the *Friant's* boat which actually took off the members of the party capsized, one of the young Princesses being nearly drowned. She was held up, however, by a sailor.

She landed bare-footed, was placed on a spectator's horse, and taken to Cape Spartel, together with others. Dry clothing was obtained from the lighthouse people.

There are altogether 55 first-class passengers on the *Delhi*, almost half of them being women and children. Seventy of the passengers and the crew are still aboard.

THE ROYAL PARTY'S UNHAPPY
FLIGHT.

LATER.

The *Times* correspondent at Tangier states that the passengers of the *Delhi*, including the Royal party, had no time to dress. With the greatest difficulty, they boarded a boat from the warship *Duke of Edinburgh*, accompanied by Admiral Craddock. Though the Duke and the others bailed their hardest, the boat filled and sank. The party, however, were all wearing lifebelts and consequently were able to float, though Princess Alexandra disappeared for a moment. The party were landed after great efforts, the princesses, clad only in nightdresses and coats, struggling on to the rocks amid torrents of rain. The lighthouse was four miles distant. The British Minister arrived with horses, and the Duke of Fife, still in his nightshirt and wearing a pair of the lighthouse keeper's trousers, informed the princesses that it was possible for them to start for Tangier. The princesses were most plucky and cheerfully essayed the three hours' ride on mules in very heavy rain. They had no clothes except the lighthouse keeper's garments.

The *Delhi* is stranded broadside on to the beach, opposite the Pillars of Hercules.

One of the *Friant's* men was drowned. An English naval officer at Tangier says the Frenchmen worked splendidly.

A TERRIBLE STORM.

LATER.

A message to the *Paris Matin* from Tangier states that four of the crew of the *Friant* were drowned through the capsizing of a launch. The *Friant* was voyaging from Rochefort when she intercepted a distress wireless message from the *Delhi*. The cruiser made full speed towards Cape Spartel, but it was ten o'clock in the morning before a hull in the storm enabled her commander to send a steam launch, and even then the waves were breaking over the *Delhi's* mast high. The launch transferred a score of women and children to the cruiser *Duke of Edinburgh*, which had just arrived.

Reuter's correspondent at Gibraltar wires that the *Duke of Edinburgh* has just arrived there with 39 women and children from the *Delhi*. To an interviewer they stated the passengers were aroused at one o'clock in the morning and were assembled on deck. There was no panic, though they had to wait until ten in the morning, when the *Friant's* boats conveyed them to the British cruiser. The members of the Royal party and the male passengers will remain a night in Tangier.

The position of the vessel is critical, and salvage vessels are sailing to attempt to save the specie, mails and luggage.

LATEST NEWS.

The sea is quietening, and this afternoon British cruiser established communication between the *Delhi* and the shore. It is believed that all the passengers are safe.

ATTEMPTS AT SALVAGE.

Attempts are being made to save the *Delhi's* mails and specie. The steamer carried one hundred thousand sterling in gold and two hundred thousand in silver bullion. The women and children have been comfortably accommodated at Gibraltar.

THE DURBAR.

A POPULAR DAY.

LONDON, December 14th.

Delhi telegrams report that yesterday was devoted to public celebrations. The King received the native officers. Their Majesties attended the people's fete, the procession of Hindus, Mohammedans, and Sikhs being most impressive, culminating as they did in combined prayers for the happiness of the Emperor and Empress and in the singing of anthems.

THE TRANSFER OF THE CAPITAL.

LATER.

The *Times* Delhi correspondent states that though the announcement of the transfer of the capital has not aroused universal enthusiasm it has had the remarkable effect of having impressed the Indians with the power and attributes of the Crown. The spectacle of the Emperor announcing his intention of transferring the capital struck everybody dumb with awe.

The Emperor lays the foundation stone of the city on the site of the Durbar camp. Long despatches are published, showing that the decision to transfer the capital was taken on the initiative of the Indian Government.

A despatch from the Government of India to Lord Curzon of the 25th August gives reason at exhaustive length for the changes and urges that the removal of the supreme government from provincial environments will facilitate the growth of local self-government on safe and sound lines. The selection of Delhi would strike the imagination of the Indians and would send a wave

of enthusiasm through the country. It points out that the partition of Bengal was responsible for the growing estrangement of Hindus and Mohammedans. A simple reversion of the partition was impossible, but the scheme proposed should negate the presumption that it was enacted by agitation. It considers the presence of the King-Emperor at Delhi a unique opportunity for the proclamation. It was one of the most weighty decisions in the history of British India.

Lord Curzon in his despatch to Lord Hardinge on the 1st November concludes a lengthy review of the proposal, agreeing that it was imperative to avoid delay.

Delhi telegrams state it is understood that the new Governor of Bengal will be appointed on the 1st April.

The change of the capital was made with the full knowledge of the Indian chiefs, who strongly supported the idea.

The Army is also delighted with the proposed change.

THE SUGAR CONVENTION.

LONDON, December 14th.

Reuter's correspondent at Brussels states that the Sugar Convention has been adjourned until the 29th January in order to enable the uninstructed delegates to consult their Governments. The Convention is practically agreed upon a compromise by which Russia, when the harvest is abundant and prices rule high, may export above 200,000 tons. The difficulty is in fixing the new quota. It is understood that Russia will be authorised to export during the present season practically the whole of her surplus.

SERIOUS RUSSO-TURKISH
SITUATION.

LONDON, December 14th.

The *Times* correspondent at Tiberias states that the Russians will occupy Khoi, which turns the Turkish western flank and may lead to a serious Russo-Turkish situation. It is believed that the Turkish army in Asia Minor is mobilising.

THE ESPIONAGE CASE.

LONDON, December 14th.

Max Schulz, a British agent, who, with others, was tried on a charge of espionage at Leipzig, has been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. The sentences of the others ranged from twelve months to two and three years.

LATER.

Max Schulz, says that his arrest rendered innocuous the association of spies in the service of the "English Espionage Bureau."

THE ACCIDENT ON THE "ORION"

LONDON, December 14th.

The victims of the explosion on H.M.S. *Orion* are progressing satisfactorily.

THE FINANCE BILL.

LONDON, December 14th.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Finance Bill.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

DEATH OF AN AMERICAN
NAVAL ATTACHE.

Tokyo, Dec. 14th.

Captain Shipley, the American
Naval Attaché in Tokyo, has died

suddenly, the cause of death being apoplexy.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NORTH BORNEO COMPANY'S
DINNER.

LONDON, December 14.

The Rt. Hon. Harcourt was the chief guest at the North Borneo Company's annual dinner.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph West Ridgeway, who presided, said the company had been acting the part of empire makers, and were now reaping the results. The charter involved great responsibilities, but the company had done its best, and thanks to rubber and the railway, was now on velvet. The policy was one of vigorous development. The Chairman announced that he was leaving for Borneo in a few days.

Mr. Harcourt dwelt on the prosperity of Borneo, which asked for no grants in aid of the country. The administration had been most efficient and the progressive company was really the responsible government. He referred in glowing terms to the policy pursued by the company and the results achieved, and emphasised the national importance of the scientific conservation of forests.

The Rt. Hon. Alfred Lyttelton also replied eulogistically, and spoke of the past and future of the company.

SIR HORMUSJEE MODY'S WILL.

We are authorised to state that Probate of the Will and Codicil of the late Sir H. N. Mody, deceased, has now been granted to Sir Paul Chater, Knight, C.M.G., one of the executors.

The net value of the estate in Hongkong has been sworn under \$1,846,000. This does not include the value of the estate elsewhere than in Hongkong. It is impossible to gauge with accuracy the exact present value of such outside estate, and especially of that considerable portion of it which consists of mining interests, the value of which is dependent on development and on the future. The pecuniary legacies of the deceased are being paid, but the full realisation of the estate must necessarily be gradual, and will take some considerable time.

FIRES.

A small fire occurred in a tea shop at West Point on Wednesday, but it was extinguished by the foks before any appreciable damage was done.

Yesterday morning fire was discovered to have broken out in a house in Morrison Hill Road Gap. The flames were soon quelled by the police, but before one man had been so severely burned that he had to be sent to the hospital.

ADMINISTRATION OF HONGKONG.

In the House of Commons on the 20th ult., Colonel Yate (Melton, Opp.) asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether in view of the situation in China and the strategic importance of Hongkong, he would consider the question of the advisability of placing that colony under the control of a military Governor, under arrangements similar to those which now existed in the case of Malta, Bermuda, and such like important overseas naval bases.

Colonel Seely, who replied, said that his Majesty's Government saw no reason for altering the present system of administration.

SIR ROBERT HART'S WILL.

Sir Robert Hart, first baronet, for many years Inspector-General of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs and Post, left estate of the gross value of £140,260, of which the net personalty has been sworn at £139,919. He left all his consumable stores to his wife absolutely, and he left to her the use for life of his household and personal effects, and an annuity of £2,000, free of duty and income tax. All other property he left to his son, Sir Edgar Bruce Hart.

He stated that Chinese Loan bonds costing £58,774, and leasehold premises, 26, Old Queen's Street, Westminster, and all houses and land in China standing in his name were not his property, but that of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Administration, and as such should be handed over to his successor in the Inspectorate-General.

AS GENTLE AS NATURE

the action of PINKLETS, the little Pink laxatives. Tiny but thorough, they dispel Constipation, ensure regularity, cure Biliousness, aid Digestion. Try them to-day. 1 Chemist price 6 cents the trial or post free, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 84, Seohu Road, Shanghai.

COMPANY MEETING.

H. PRICE & CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders was held at the company's offices, 12, Queen's Road, yesterday, at noon, at which the special resolutions for changing the name of the company to Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., for increasing the capital to \$500,000, for increasing the number of directors from three to six, and for reducing the directors' fee from \$750 a year, for each director, to \$500 a year were discussed.

There were present Mr. Chan Kai Ming (Chairman), Mr. A. Rumjahn (Managing Director), Mr. Lau Po Wing, Mr. J. W. Blake, Mr. Lo Tze Chun, Mr. D. Rumjahn, and Mr. C. Mooney, representing 10,081 shares, and Mr. C. Bond (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The notice embodying the special resolutions, which the secretary has just read, has been in your hands for more than seven days (the time limit for service of notice according to our articles to be at least seven days) and I will explain to you, as fully as I can, the reasons for calling this meeting. Mr. J. W. Gande and Mr. H. Price were originally partners who, in 1904, established an agency in Weihaiwei last year for carrying out our contract for supplying beer to the British Fleet in that place, for which we had to obtain the sanction of and to pay a certain royalty to Messrs. J. W. Gande & Co., and as enquiries from the north for our wines are frequently received by us, your directors think it advisable for your interests and those of Messrs. J. W. Gande & Co. to amalgamate from the 1st January next year. As the name of Messrs. J. W. Gande & Co. is very popular in Shanghai and North China, we think it desirable that the name "Gande" should be incorporated with our name. We therefore propose to alter our name to "Gande, Price & Co., Ltd."

As we require additional capital for acquiring Messrs. J. W. Gande & Co.'s business, and for extending our operations in North China and also in Formosa and Japan, in which latter two places our branches are at present doing very well, we propose to increase our present capital, \$150,000, to a nominal capital of \$500,000. We require only for the present an additional capital of \$100,000, by the issue of 10,000 shares, increasing the paid up capital to \$250,000. Of the new issue of 10,000 shares, 4,000 shares, each \$10 paid up, will be issued to Messrs. J. W. Gande & Co. for the value of their stock, which is estimated at \$40,000. Their stock will be taken over by us at laid down cost, and the stock-taking and valuation will be made by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, the company's auditors. The balance, 6,000 shares, will be offered to the present shareholders, *pro rata*, at \$2 premium per share. The reason why we issue 4,000 shares to Messrs. J. W. Gande & Co. at par is that we only pay them a very small sum, \$10,000, for their goodwill, and in lieu of cash of \$20,000, estimated value of their stock, we will hand them 4,000 shares of \$10 paid up. Their books have been gone over by Mr. Rumjahn, our managing director, who has satisfied himself that they have been making on the average for the last three years a net profit of \$12,000 a year. The price for the goodwill representing less than one year's net profit is, we consider, very cheap. You will remember that we issued 3,000 shares at \$2 premium per share in June last, and I am glad to inform you that all these three thousand shares have been taken up and paid for, and I hope the 6,000 shares we now propose to issue at the same premium (\$2 per share), will be all taken up. Our shares are quoted in the Stock Exchange at \$12 per share. The next resolution to be dealt with is the increase of the number of directors. This we think is necessary on account of the expansion of our business. We therefore propose to increase the present number of directors from three to six, and you will see from the last resolution that the present fee, which is \$750 a year, for each director, will be reduced to \$500 a year, so instead of paying \$2,250 a year for three directors, it will only cost the company \$750 more a year for twice the number of directors. I think the explanation I have given covers all the ground, but if any of you require further information, I shall endeavour to supply him to the best of my ability.

Mr. MOONEY—Does the \$40,000 paid to Messrs. J. W. Gande cover the actual cost of the stock and goodwill?

THE CHAIRMAN—No, only the stock-in-trade.

Mr. MOONEY—What did we pay for the goodwill?

THE CHAIRMAN—\$10,000, which Messrs. Gande took in shares. In all we paid \$50,000 for the whole business.

Mr. BLAKE—I think the shareholders should be highly gratified at the manner in which the directors worked to bring about this amalgamation. Mr. Gande when he was previously associated with the firm of Price and Co., was a thorough worker, who brought the company up to such an extent and having been in China 33 years, I think the firm is doing well in getting the name of Gande in front of Price and Co. I would call attention to paragraph 4, where it is shown that the shareholders are forfeited \$250 a year. That shows they have an interest in the company. I think the firm Gande, Price and Co., will go ahead leaps and bounds, and I have such pleasure in seconding all the resolutions embodied in the notice calling this extraordinary general meeting. In doing so, I think I am voicing the sentiments of the shareholders of H. Price and Co.

The resolutions were then put to meeting and adopted, and the Chairman then announced that a confirmatory meeting would be held, notices of which would be served on the shareholders in due course.

Mr. BLAKE—I think, Mr. Chairman, the company is to be congratulated for having secured the services of two efficient gentlemen in the persons of Mr. Bond & Mr. Oxberry for the working of the outside business of the company.

THE CHAIRMAN—I quite agree with

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15TH, 1911.

ACCIDENTS happen to ships of the best managed lines as they happen to the best regulated households, but in the case of ships of the P. & O. Company they are so infrequent considering the size of the fleet as to be more than usually startling, when they do occur. In all parts of the East where the *Delhi* has been accustomed to call, the news of the misfortune to this fine ship will occasion deep regret, and sympathy with the P. & O. Company and the Commander of the steamer is deepened by the fact that the wreck should have occurred while members of the Royal Family were on board. The *Delhi* was built about six years ago for the run between Bombay and China, and had just made a voyage home. She was returning to her Eastern run when she met with misfortune, in stormy weather, to the southward of Cape Spartel, which juts out from the extreme north-west of Morocco. According to the brief telegraphic accounts of the wreck so far received, the steamer has "gone ashore," but as to whether this occurred in the darkness or in daylight, information is at present lacking. There is a lighthouse on the Cape visible at a distance of 20 miles, but at this time of the year fogs prevail along this coast, and storm and fog may have combined to bring about the unfortunate disaster. So far as we can judge from what REUTER calls "the confused accounts" of the wreck yet to hand, it appears evident that first efforts were

THE REVOLUTION.

TROOPS FOR PAKHOI.

We learn that six steamers—four Nor-wegian and two German—have just been chartered by the Canton Government for the conveyance of about 6,000 troops to Pakhoi. It is currently reported that the British authorities object to British vessels being chartered for such purposes.

We are unable to learn authoritatively the exact object of this movement of troops, but according to current reports Pakhoi is not their final destination. Some apprehensions exist and these troops, it is said, are being sent into the neighbourhood of Linchow to guard against any danger of that character. For our part we attach no credence to this rumour, as it is extremely improbable that France would take a step which would not only excite the whole population of China but would also certainly incur the condemnation of all the Powers interested in the maintenance of the integrity of China.

YUAN SHIH-KAI ON THE CRISIS.

A LIMITED MONARCHY OR A REPUBLIC.

The following is the interview between The Times' correspondents in Peking and Yuan Shih-kai, of which a brief telegraphic summary has already been given.

This afternoon I had the privilege of a long conversation with Yuan Shih-kai. I found him in excellent health and full of courage, realizing the seriousness—almost hopelessness—of the task with which he is confronted, but determined to spare no effort to re-establish a stable Government and to preserve the country from disintegration.

With his object he is advocating the retention of the present dynasty as a limited Monarchy, fearing, if the demands of the Republic Party prevail and the dynasty is removed, that there would be internal wrangling leading to anarchy, in which foreign interests would suffer and foreign lives be endangered, and so foreign intervention and partition would follow. Already, he says, there are signs of disintegration among the Revolutionaries. Each province has its own objects and aspirations. The view of the North cannot be reconciled with that of the South. Their aims are widely divergent.

The Revolution and the Dynasty. I suggested that the Revolutionary movement was a protest against the weakening of China against the impairment of her sovereign rights, and against the corrupt influences of a decadent Court, which had involved the Empire in disaster after disaster; that the forces of the Revolution were directed towards increasing the strength and solidity of the Empire and the people not towards disintegration.

The Prime Minister repeated his fear of the instability of a rampant democracy, of disintegration and partition. He thinks that the retention of the reigning family, deprived of all power to renew the misgovernment of the past, remained only as an emblem of Monarchy, would be a bond that would ensure the integrity of the Empire.

I suggested that we had to face facts; that no fact was more insistent than the determination of a large number of the best provinces of China to consent to no form of compromise which permitted the retention of the present dynasty. I suggested that it was difficult to understand how the retention of an unpopular dynasty, so unfitted to rule as the present dynasty, could be a unifying force; it must inevitably be a disruptive influence.

The Prime Minister questioned the correctness of the view. He said he had studied China closely, especially during the last three years in retirement. He believed that seven-tenths of the population were still conservative and satisfied with the old regime; three-tenths only belonged to the advanced party. If the Revolutionaries should succeed in overthrowing the present dynasty, another revolution might take place, headed by the Conservatives, having for its object the restoration of the Monarchy. Amid such chaos all interests would suffer, and for several decades there would be a period of limited Monarchy, as in England, was an ideal form of government, but that our Monarchy was in the hands of those who could be trusted, whereas in the case of the Manchu Monarchy the fact could not be disputed that it was enormously discredited.

He said the Throne could not and would not attempt to evade the promises given on October 3rd and that next Friday the Regent would swear before the altars in the Temple of Ancestors that the Throne would be faithful to its promises.

Then I spoke of the movement of which I telegraphed yesterday. The whole object is the voluntary withdrawal of the Court to Jehol pending the assembling of a national convention to ordain what form of government China shall adopt in the future, whether a limited Monarchy or a Federal Republic.

Yuan Shih-kai admitted that the scheme had been submitted to him, that it was supported by many reasonable men and could not be dismissed lightly, that for a week past he had given it constant thought, and that the question was still under consideration. What he fears is that the premature departure of the Imperial family might create unnecessary panic and cause the very bloodshed which he hopes will be avoided.

I was tempted to ask, but refrained, whether the hoisting of the Revolutionary flag by all the ships lately under the command of Admiral Sah Cheng-ping, who is himself a refugee, and their bombardment of the Imperialist troops at Hankow would influence the judgment or the fears of the Regent.

SUN YAT SEN.

FULL STORY OF HIS VISIT TO LONDON. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the famous leader of the Chinese revolutionary movement, has just spent ten days in London, says the Evening Standard of the 22nd ult., and only his intimate friends were aware of the fact. Yesterday the organiser of Young China left London, for China, where he is expected to arrive within twenty-eight days.

Our contemporary adds:—Last Friday week, we are informed, Sun Yat Sen arrived at Southampton from New

York on board the White Star liner Adriatic, and proceeded direct to London. Here he registered at the Savoy Hotel, under the Japanese name of Nakayama.

During his whole visit the famous Chinaman attempted not the slightest secrecy, and yet for more than a week he went about London totally unrecognised.

His assumed name also stood him in good stead on the liner, for he mixed amongst the passengers, and spoke freely with them without any suspecting his identity. Accompanying him on his travels are General Homer, an American, who holds the rank of lieutenant-general in the Chinese army, and two secretaries.

Mrs. Cantile, wife of Dr. Cantile, the famous Harley-street physician, with whom Sun Yat Sen was closely in touch while in London, informed one of our representatives today that Sun Yat Sen was in splendid health, and never looked better in his life.

SUN YAT SEN'S IDEALS. "Sun Yat Sen," said Mrs. Cantile, "that events in China were in such a critical state that he had been asked to charge of everything. While he was here a telegram came, addressed care of the Chinese Legation in London, containing a request from the provisional Government that Sun Yat Sen should become the new Premier."

"Sun Yat Sen will not listen to any suggestion for the retention of the Manchu dynasty, and he was anxious to have everything in such a state of preparedness that he might be able to take up the position of Premier, if necessary, on his arrival."

During his conversations Sun Yat Sen declared that the rebellion was rather premature, but that the reformers throughout China had seen that the Imperial troops were on their side, and there was thus a sort of spontaneous combustion. Sun Yat Sen himself had fully determined to be there at the time of the outbreak.

Mrs. Cantile also stated that Sun Yat Sen was proceeding to China in an endeavour to bring about peace. "If he is to become Premier," she declared, "the position, Sun Yat Sen insisted, must be offered to him by the people themselves. He is not playing for personal aggrandisement. Everything he does is for his country's good."

While he was in London he saw many prominent British gentlemen in connection with affairs of State in China. All his telegrams from his people in China were received here.

"Sun Yat Sen" is the image of his published photographs, and it amused us all that he could walk about so openly and yet not be recognised. Of course, had his incognito been penetrated, it would have greatly hampered his work, and would probably have resulted in a hurried departure from London.

Dr. Cantile explained that the rebellion had taken Dr. Sun Yat Sen quite by surprise. "It was not due for six or seven months," he said, "and it was precipitated by the disarming of a section of the Tartar troops. The insurrection would, otherwise, have been finished within three days, as every detail was being arranged."

Asked as to Dr. Sun Yat Sen's negotiations in London, Dr. Cantile said, "The chief object of his visit, of course, was financial, but Dr. Sun Yat Sen told me, subsequently, that he had found it necessary to raise money in this country."

THE AMAZON ARMY.

WOMEN SUPPLIED WITH RIFLES.

The Chinese Amazonian Army is not to be put down lightly, remarks the Shanghai Mercury, the ardour and enthusiasm of the petticoat brigade will not be dampened by the advice of "mere men." Consequently the various units of the voluntary female battalions are still banded together and last week they received official recognition in no uncertain way. Permission was evidently granted by the authorities for the distribution of rifles and ammunition to the female fighters and when a band of the enthusiastic reformers marched to the Arsenal their demands were immediately complied with and the eagerly desired munitions were quickly forthcoming. One band of the women volunteers, it is understood, are presently in strict training under a leader of the sterner sex and are said to be engaging in the drilling operations with the keenest of interest. It is doubtful if the authorities have issued the rifles to them with any intention of utilising their services. The likelihood is rather that the request has been acceded to in order to please the women.

GERMAN ARMS SEIZED.

What appears to have been rather a high-handed proceeding on the part of the revolutionary party says the Shanghai Mercury has just come to light. It appears that about ten days ago—four cases of machine guns and one case of rifles and sporting guns were shipped on board the H.A.L. steamer Sikiang, bound for Tsingtau and Tientsin.

The cases containing the machine guns were all marked Von G.W.F. S.P.D. O.M.D. "Ostasiatische Marine detachment Tientsin," and were intended for use of the German garrison at Tientsin and the German Legation at Peking, while the case of sample guns were consigned to a private firm also in Tientsin. News of the shipment reached the ears of the revolutionary party, and thinking that the arms were intended for the Imperialists they sent a party of men to the vessel which they boarded and took away the cases of arms despite the protests of the Captain and officers of the vessel. The ship and the party were lying at her wharf on the Pootung side of the river and by the time news of the seizure had reached the ship's agents, the arms in question were safely stored in the Arsenal. The agents as soon as possible informed the German Consulate General of the proceedings and steps were at once taken in the matter and a formal protest was lodged by the authorities with Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, against the seizure of the arms which belonged to the German Legation. The matter has been closely investigated by revolutionary officials, and last week the German Consulate was informed that the officials were satisfied in regard to the arms and that they would be returned to their owners. Accordingly a launch belonging to the H. A. L. Co. was despatched to the Arsenal where the arms were loaded on board and in the afternoon they were landed and taken to the German Consulate where they were examined and the marks and numbers checked, and they will now be forwarded to their proper destination as soon as convenient.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, November 15.

BRITISH POLITICAL CHANGES.

The selection of Mr. Bonar Law as the successor of Mr. Balfour in the leadership of the Conservative party is the result of a compromise, but it has much to commend it, all the same. Just as the present Pope was selected because of the rival claims of two or three evenly matched cardinals, so that someone outside the actual contest had to be hit upon, so Mr. Bonar Law comes in as the stop gap between the camps of Mr. Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Walter Long. He is an anti-Dilhard and has nothing to do with the Halsbury Club, but it is recognised that after Mr. Balfour he is no only man on the Conservative side who can stand up to Lloyd George and measure equal dexterity with him. But it will take him a long time to gain the affection of all men as Mr. Balfour did. His speeches are bitter and in public life he lacks the charm that has made men regret the retirement of Mr. Balfour from the leadership. In private life Mr. Law is a high-minded, charming cultured man, but in platform and House of Commons utterances he has a raucous tone that often stirs the far the wrong way without adequate cause. Perhaps he will soften the asperities now that greater responsibility is his. A Scotch-Canadian, he has been extremely successful in commerce and he looks and speaks a host of things from the commercial point of view. Thus when he said that "just as a famine in Ireland carried Cobden to success, so two bad winters would bring triumph to the cause of tariff reform. He was speaking in the way of commercial man, and with no trace of sentiment on the one hand or hardness on the other. Yet that sentence is likely to be quoted against him very often by his enemies in the future. Mr. Balfour timed his resignation to a misty. Having subdued the rebels in his camp he gracefully retires with a wave of the hand, as though to say, "Very well, now make the best of it, you can." And, ever since, men of all shades of opinion have been echoing the words of Will Crooks, the Labour man. "Why, Balfour is hemphouses above them all." But there are a few, Mr. Asquith among them, who believe that this is only part of the honour of political life and presently the chief will return to his own. He is not so very old for English politics—only sixty-two. It is said his heart is weak, but maybe it will revive and presently the ranks of the party will again be ranged behind a Balfour in the fray.

Much praise has been given to the speech of Winston Churchill at the Guildhall on the navy. There was fear when he went to the Admiralty that the navy would be allowed to fall behind foreign competitors, but this Churchill flatly contradicts. Nevertheless there is much heart-burning at the recent reshuffle of the government places; so many small-sized men have been put into large-sized places. Not that Churchill is a small-sized man; but he is an irritant and the plain-minded man had difficulty in following him. I suppose that in the higher ranges of society there is nobody more disliked, and it is well known that his mother, Mrs. George Cornwallis West, has smartly snubbed many a grande dame who presumed to criticise his turning to the Liberals.

While that went on nobody was hurt and there was much amusement over the comedy, but if the gossip speak truly the men are now taking a hard with more serious results. I hear that at one of the swiftest West End hotels the other evening the Duke of Marlborough holly reproved a sprig of the nobility for a sneering reference to the new First Lord of the Admiralty, and when the acrimonious speaker not merely refused to withdraw the expression but repeated it with embellishments there was a very heated scene indeed. For the Duke and Cousin Winston, though keen political opponents, are close friends; and they share their pride in the family and jealousy of its traditions.

THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY. The university heads and others who are bent on establishing a university in Central China at Hankow, are sending out fresh appeals for funds just now on the ground that—"The present events force us to immediate action, and an appeal is made for a capital sum of £250,000 for the foundation of the University, the purchase of the site, the erection and equipment of the buildings, and the endowment of professorships. It is hoped that one half of this sum, £125,000, will be the British contribution towards the project and the other half will be contributed by America."

The promoters argue, "The foundation of a University for Central China is desirable on the ground that in this way Great Britain and America can render to China at the present stage a service of incalculable and of far-reaching consequences from the intellectual, moral and religious standpoint. A seat of learning will be thus established in China which will be inspired by the best traditions of the co-operating Western Universities. The foundation of the University is also desirable on the ground that it will serve to maintain the commercial prestige of Great Britain and America and enable those countries to retain their commercial market in China in face of serious competition."

I fear these learned magistrates know little of China or Chinese character and less of commerce. The appeal is signed by the president of Magdalen College, Oxford, the master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, and Mr. Salisbury, is taking an active part in the movement also.

GENEROUS FRANCE. According to the report just presented to the French Chamber by the State auditors, there is an official in China who is in the fortunate position of drawing two salaries. He is paid

for being a Consul out East, and he is also paid for being an official in a department in Paris. This is but one of many matters that are being hotly criticised in Paris. In fact there are some very hot charges flying about, of waste and worse. An admirer is not only drawing a pension, but also figures as the occupant of a very snug berth at the Marine Department. An official of the Department of Agriculture draws an "indemnity" of £720 a year from the contractors for a herd book. Funds voted for the relief of necessitous artists through the Department of Fine Arts have merely been distributed among retired officials. To crown all "extras" have been charged to an appalling total. For instance, many an official with an income of £1,000 a year has drawn six hundred more as "extras," without being called upon to do any travelling. It seems that a very nasty scandal is about to be exposed over it all.

LOCAL SPORT.

POLO.

The final match of the quarterly tournament takes place at Causeway Bay on Saturday, the 16th December, between the Civilians and the K.O.Y.L.L. at 4 p.m. The sides are as follows:

CIVILIANS. K.O.Y.L.L.
1. Mr. T. Forrest. 1. Mr. J. A. Jervois.
2. Mr. C. Lawder. 2. Mr. H. H. Kent.
3. Mr. C. H. Ross. 3. Capt. H. K. Hughes.
4. Mr. H. J. Geddis. 4. Capt. F. J. G. Agge.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The report of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the first half of this year presents a satisfactory showing. During the term the company carried over 1,700,000 tons goods and over 115,000 passengers on various lines with 70 liners (237,000 tons) and 7 chartered steamers (26,000 tons) besides several 1 steamers temporarily hired. The entire mileage reached over 1,670,000 knots. The proceeds netted during the period were over 2,670,000 yen, and the directors recommend to present the following plan of distribution before the coming general meeting of shareholders:—

Balance brought over from previous year	Yen 851,389
Net receipts for the term	2,78,767
Total	3,530,156
Reserves against the depreciation of navigation subsidy and encouragement fund	133,938
Funds for navigation extension and ship improvement	477,108
Allowance to directors and auditors	1,000,000
Dividend to shareholders (10 per cent. per annum, viz., 250 yen a share)	59,465
Balance carried forward to next term	1,100,000
	799,644

A PROPOSED ANGLO-GERMAN EXHIBITION.

At a meeting of the Anglo-German Friendship Society held at the Mansion House last month under the presidency of the late Lord Mayor, it was suggested that with a view to promoting better relations between the peoples of the two countries an Anglo-German Exhibition should be held in London in 1913. The idea has been favourably received in Great Britain and an influential committee has been formed to forward it, under the presidency of the present Lord Mayor, consisting of the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Brassey, Lord Avebury, Lord Weardale, Lord Courtney of Penwith, Lord Shuttleworth, Sir Frank Lascelles, Sir West Ridgway, Sir Vesey Strang, Sir William Mather, Sir Ernest Tritton, Mr. Henry Lawson, M.P., and Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, with Mr. Cyril Rhodes, the Hon. Secretary of the Anglo-German Friendship Society, as hon. secretary. In Germany the idea has also been sympathetically received in the circles concerned, but for obvious reasons, says a paragraph in The Times, there is hesitation to express a definite opinion as to the advisability of the project.

MME. BERNHARDT.

Approaching marriage of the famous actress.

Paris, and not only Paris, but the whole world, will be interested in an announcement which will be made very shortly, says the Standard correspondent, of the marriage of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt with M. Lou Tellegen, a young Flemish actor of about twenty-six years of age. He has played at the Odéon and on other stages in subordinate parts, and was better known in Paris for his fine and handsome physique than for his artistic talents. He was a member of the troupe taken by Mme. Bernhardt on her last American tour, where, however, he was poorly paid, and was only seen in subordinate characters.

Recently, however, at Brighton, he played Arrand in "Le Drame aux amélie," and the passionate lover of the drama is soon to become the husband in real life. The re-entry of the great actress on the Paris stage after a prolonged absence took place when she reopened her own theatre by playing the leading role in the "Lucretia Borgia" of Victor Hugo.

Paris is now curious to know how the news is taken by M. Maurice Bernhardt, who for some time past has managed his mother's affairs. Mme. Bernhardt is close upon seventy years of age—at least forty years the senior of her intended husband—and lately she has become a great-grandmother.

WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

FORECAST DISTRICT
* Hongkong & Neighbourhood
* Formosa Channel
* South coast of China between Hongkong and Lemoock.
* South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan.
* N. winds, fresh, fine.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The "Ben" Line str. Beneluch from Antwerp, Middlebrook and London left Singapore on the 14th instant for this port.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR." Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1911. [1423]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SPS. "NIPPON MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND JAPAN PORTS.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. No Claims will be received after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, the 18th inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or Godown, and examination of same to be arranged.

All Claims must be filed on or before TUESDAY, the 26th inst., otherwise they will not be recognised.

K. MATSUDA, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1911. [1424]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ SIGISMUND." Having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, and West Point Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optimal Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day requesting it to be landed here.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst. at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1911. [5]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"DORTMUND." Captain Buldt, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Underwriter.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given To-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst. at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This Steamer brings on Cargo: Ex s.s. "Ferdinand" from Bremen. Ex s.s. "Liberia" from Havre. Ex s.s. "Jalo" from Bremen. Ex s.s. "Fiben" from Skien.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1911. [1417]

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

CHONGSHING, British str., 1,223, V. Liddell, 14th Dec.—Tientsin and Weihaiwei 8th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
DOVRE, Norwegian str., 733, Sierland, 13th Dec.—Macao 13th Dec., General Wo Yick & Co.
LINAN, British str., 1,351, C. C. Williams, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
PRING LUDWIG, German str., 5,688, F. v. Binner, 13th Dec.—Hamburg 2nd Nov., Mail and General—Melchers & Co.
SABINE RICKMERS, Dutch str., 573, D. E. Hoove, 14th Dec.—Amoy 13th Dec., Beans oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
SIBYRIA, German str., 1,544, B. Kolts, 13th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
TAMSU, British str., 967, J. McCulloch, 13th Dec.—Choofoo and Weihaiwei 8th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
TRENKAL, British str., 3,210, J. A. Davis, 14th Dec.—Singapore 7th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
TUNG WAH, British str., 745, Newbery, 13th Dec.—Tientsin 7th Dec., General—China Merchants Co.
YUNYAN, British str., 1,206, G. W. Eady, 13th Dec.—Mojoi 8th Dec., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
14th December.
Hutchings, British str., for Swatow.
Pring Ludwig, German str., for Shanghai.
Sibyrta, German str., for Swatow.
Trenkal, British str., for Shanghai.
Tung Wah, British str., for Canton.
Wahsing, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

14th December.
CHENAN, British str., for Shanghai.
CHONGSHING, British str., for Shanghai.
HUNAN, British str., for Canton.
HUPPE, British str., for Swatow.
KUKIANG, British str., for Shanghai.
LINAN, British str., for Canton.
PALAWAN, British str., for Singapore.
SABINE RICKMERS, Ger str., for Haiphong.
SIBYRIA, British str., for Kailash.
YESAN MARU, Japanese str., for Mito.

SHIPPING REPORT.

The British str. Linan reports: Moderate monsoon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Linan, from Shanghai, Mrs. McCulloch and Mr. Hume.
Per Pring Ludwig, for Hongkong, from Hamburg, Mr. W. Nesso, from Southampton, Miss Cath. Jack, Master Arthur Lawrence, The Yamen Archdeacon White, Mr. Fred G. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Finchetti, from Aden, Mr. Jose Carlos da Costa de Souza de Macedo, from Genoa, Mr. and Mrs. Luis R. Yungco, Mr. Bodeley, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Meyer, Mr. Hans Springli, Mr. Carlos Gell, Consul Dr. Mezz, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Reeves, Monsieur P. Siochi, Franklin Eva Paried, Mr. Misspner Jack, Rev. Ludw. Venz and party, Mr. G. Reus, Mr. Ernst Niewegelt, Mr. Paul Jacop, Mr. Alfred Peters, Mr. H. and Mrs. G. Gotsch, and Mr. Karl Weller, from Gibraltar, Mr. Victor Benemann and Mr. Victor Lopez Robredo, from Singapore, Mr. N. Volham, Mr. I. F. H. Schnack, Dr. D. J. Forme and Miss Yamogishi.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The T.K.K. str. Togo Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 12th inst. for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive at this port or about the 19th inst.
The P.M. str. Persia sailed from San Francisco November 29th for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai and is due here on December 27th.
The P. M. S.S. Co. str. Fores sailed from San Francisco December 6th for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due here on January 2nd.
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. steamer Empire left Sydney on November 26th for this port, via Queensland ports, Port Darwin and Manila.
The N.Y.K. str. Kumano Maru (Australian Line) left Sydney for this port on the 29th November, and is expected here on the 18th inst.
THE INDIAN MAIL.
The S.S. A. Apoor from Calcutta left Singapore on Friday 8th inst., afternoon and may be expected here to-day.
The Apoor str. Lightening from Calcutta left Singapore on the 12th inst. afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 19th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. Kure Maru (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 30th November and is expected here on the 19th inst.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The Russian str. Peter Berg left Vladivostok via Moji for this port, and is due to arrive here to-day.
The H. A. L. S.S. Aragonia left Sabang on the 5th inst. p.m. and may be expected here to-day.
The Austrian Lloyd's str. Persia left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., and will arrive here to-day.
The "Shire" Line str. Pembroke left Singapore for Hongkong on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.
The P. & O. S. N. Co's str. Nore left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst. at 6 a.m., and is due here on the 17th inst. at about noon.
The H. A. Line str. Seguchi left Singapore on the 12th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst. p.m.
The S. S. Canton consigned to Olof Wijk & Co. left Sabang on the 4th inst. and is expected here on or about the 2nd of January next.
The T.K.K. str. Shimo Maru sailed from San Francisco on the 13th inst. for Hongkong, and is due at Hongkong on the 9th prox.
The T.K.K. str. Kyo Maru sailed from Salina Cruz on the 12th inst. for Hongkong.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH



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Captain Clinch will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at 5 p.m.
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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR."
Captain G. F. Hudon will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 18th inst., at noon.
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Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 14th December, 1911. [1]



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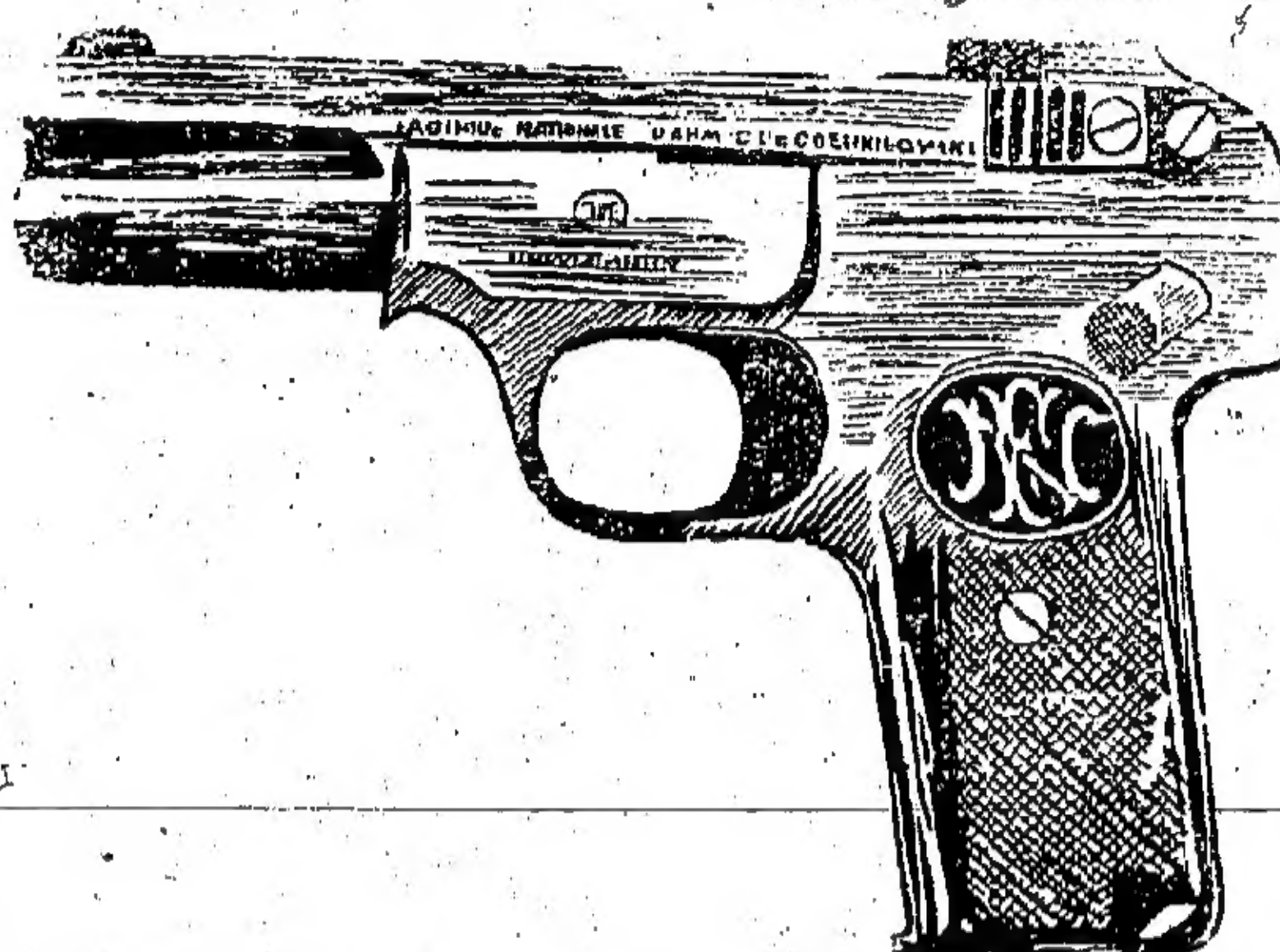
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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (NORE)	DEYANHA Capt. W. R. Hickey	About 18th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEYANHA Capt. W. R. Hickey	About 21st Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DEYANHA Capt. D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	25th Dec.	See Special of Call.

For Further Particulars apply to
H. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 16th Dec. Midnight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TEAN"	On 19th Dec. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 21st Dec. 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"CHINHUA"	On 21st Dec. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 22nd Dec. 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAIYUAN"	On 22nd Dec. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 23rd Dec. Midnight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"ANHUI"	On 23rd Dec. Midnight

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light, throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and American Ports.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1911.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 16th Dec., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 19th Dec., D'light
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Friday, 22nd Dec., Noon
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 23rd Dec., 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday, 27th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1911.

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STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	FRIDAY, 15th Dec. at 11 a.m.
"HAIYAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 19th Dec. at 11 a.m.

Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1911.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
NIPPON MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY 22nd Dec. at Noon
TENYO MARU	11,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY 29th Dec. at Noon
SHIYO MARU	11,000	H. Smith	FRIDAY 19th Jan. Noon 1912
CHIYO MARU	11,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY 16th Feb. 1912

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.

THE Triple Screw Steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 29th December, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

THE Twin Screw S.S. "NIPPON MARU" 11,000 tons, Captain A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 22nd December, at Noon.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION):

STEAMER	TONS	DATE OF SAILING
KIYO MARU	17,500	TUESDAY, 11th Feb. at Noon 1912
HIYO MARU	10,500	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 7th June, at Noon

THE Steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched hence for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILIAN PORTS via UJJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 11th February, at Noon.

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To LONDON	£71-0-0
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To HONOLULU	£20-0-0
To SAN FRANCISCO	£25-0-0
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To LONDON VIA NEW YORK	£45-0-0

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FOR	STEAMERS	TONS	DATE OF SAILING
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"CHICAGO MARU"	6,182	WED' DAY, 27th Dec., at 11 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"CANADA MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 9th Jan. at 11 A.M. 1912.

O. S. K. has made the following revision on 1st class passage to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle Vancouver, Portland and San Francisco:

From Manila	G. \$130.00
From Hongkong, Shanghai and Keelung	G. \$110.00
From Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	G. \$ 95.00
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FOR	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
TAMSIU VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 17th Dec. at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"CHOSHUN MARU"	WED' DAY, 20th Dec. at 10 A.M.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings

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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS		Leave	Connecting Steamers		Due	Due
to		HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to		MARSEILLES	PLYMOUTH
COLOMBO			MARSEILLES & LONDON		(Brindisi 2 days earlier)	(London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ASSAYE	7500	February 3	MANUA	11000	March 2	March 8
HIMALAYA	7000	February 17	MACEDONIA	10500	March 16	March 22
DELHI	8000	March 2	MOREA	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA	8000	March 16	Through Steamer		April 13	April 19
DEVANHA	8000	March 30	MOLDAVIA	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA	8000	April 13	MOLDOVA	12500	May 11	May 17
ASSAYE	7500	April 27	MONGOLIA	10000	May 25	May 31
DELHI	8000	May 11	MAIWA	11000	June 8	June 14

Passengers change 8 steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of s.s. "INDIA" and s.s. "INDIA" for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £25.14 RETURN.
2nd £48.8 £21.2

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PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due LONDON
	about	about
Tonnage		
NYANZA	7000 February 7	March 22
NILE	7000 March 6	April 13
NUBIA	6000 April 3	May 17
SUMATRA	5000 April 17	May 31
NAMUR	7000 May 1	June 14
PALAWAN	5000 May 15	June 29
BORNEO	5000 May 29	July 13
SYRIA	7000 June 12	July 27
NORR	7000 June 26	August 10

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	MIYASAKI MARU Capt. T. Mura, 9,000		WED' DAY, 20th Dec., at Daylight.
	KAWACHI MARU Capt. H. Petersen, 7,000		FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
	KITANO MARU Capt. E. Cope, 9,000		WED' DAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. B. Kon, 7,000		SATURDAY, 30th Dec., from Kobe
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda, 7,000		TUESDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. T. Mura, 6,000		FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler, 6,000		FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon

SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen, 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec.
OBÉ and YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser, 9,000	THURSDAY 21st Dec. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler, 6,000	WED' DAY, 20th Dec.
AMERICA, &c.	AWA MARU Capt. T. Iizawa, 7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan. 1912.

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STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	FROM HONGKONG
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawan	February 14th
KAMO	9,000	F. L. Sommer	February 28th
AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Moses	March 27th
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th
ATSUBA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th
HITACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd
FOR SEATTLE.			
JNABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	February 27th
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th
SUNUKI	7,000		April 9th
AWA	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd
INABA	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1911.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The *Tashir*, with the SIBERIAN MAIL, is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 17th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Swatow and Deli	Signal	Friday, 15th, 8.00 A.M.
Takao	Tencho	Friday, 15th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Friday, 15th, 10.00 A.M.
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	Saturday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia	Lyons	Saturday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Fort Bayard	Dore	Saturday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	Tymanoch	Saturday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
SE NOKAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Mongolia	Registration, 10.15 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 11.00 A.M.)
Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo	Loongiang	9.30 A.M. 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 16th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Pavia	Saturday, 16th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Linan	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Daigi Maru	Registration, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Moji	Arratoon Apoor	Letters, 6.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Sunday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Hangang	Monday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	Pembrokehire	Monday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Monday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
EUROPE, &c. India via Tattocria. Late Let- ters 11.00 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents	Armand Behic	Tuesday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail		Tuesday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Gregory Apoor	Tuesday, 19th, Noon.
Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	Miyasaka Maru	Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Egyja	Tuesday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VIC- TORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE and PORTLAND	Kumano Maru	Wednesday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Zafro	Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Chinhua	Thursday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Mausang	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Nikko Maru	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston N.W. Zealand Melbourne Du- nedin Adelaide Perth, and Fremantle		Saturday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c. India via Tattocria. Late Let- ters 11.00 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cent.)		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
The P. reel mail will be closed on Friday 22nd inst at 5.0 P.M.		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Yuenang	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Anku	Saturday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kutang	Registration, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama	Fookang	Letters, 6.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Amoy, Yaw, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rubeau, Herbertshöhe, Ma- tupi, Samarai, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Mel- bourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Prince Stygund	Wednesday, 27th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Eubi	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
		Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
		Saturday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.

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COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 14th.

ON LONDON:	
Telegraphic Transfer	110 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Documentary Bills (4 months' sight)	110 1/2
ON PARIS:	
Bank Bills, on demand	235
Credits, at 4 months' sight	239 1/2
ON GERMANY:	
On demand	190 1/2
ON NEW YORK:	
Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	46 1/2
ON BOMBAY:	
Telegraphic Transfer	139
Bank, on demand	139 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:	
Telegraphic Transfer	139
Bank, on demand	139 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:	
Bank, at sight	75 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	76
On demand	90 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:	
On demand—Pesos	91
ON MANILA:	
On demand	79 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:	
On demand	111 1/2
ON BATAVIA:	
On demand	4 1/2 p.m.
ON HAIKONG:	
On demand	81 1/2
ON SAIGON:	
On demand	81 1/2
ON BANGKOK:	
On demand	81 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.70
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$36.30
SILVER, per oz.	25 1/2

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Chinese	10 ".....\$5.35
Hongkong	20 ".....\$4.98
Hongkong	10 ".....\$5.10

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14th, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	UNPAID QUOTA- TIONS CASE.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$853
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$10, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	all	\$1.10, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$8.20, buyers
COMMERCE.				
Two Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 95
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 40	all	Tls. 44
International Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 51
Loan & Mercantile Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 55
Soy Chong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 29
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	Tls. 12	all	Tls. 32
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$54, sal. & bu.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$43, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	\$7, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 90
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	40,000	Tls. 40	all	\$53, sal. & bu.
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$21
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$21, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$119
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$50	all	\$75
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	P. 10	all	\$10
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$210, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$18
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	18,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$136, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$125, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$23.33	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$352
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$25	Tls. 145
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$825, seller
Yongtong Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$210, @ Ex 73
LAND AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$102, sal. & sel.
Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$63, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$50, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	75,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 95
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$48, buyers
Matachapij tot Mij, Bosch-on	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 54
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fos. 250	all	\$700
Bent Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$23, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11, buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$102, buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$27, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$104, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$254, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 prof.	\$25	all	\$59, (1/100)
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	\$806
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$27, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$17, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$224, sellers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$43, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$54, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$54, sellers
Weissau, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	all	\$330
	50,000	\$10	all	\$72, buyers

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ARRIVALS AT HOME.	December 12th—Braemar.

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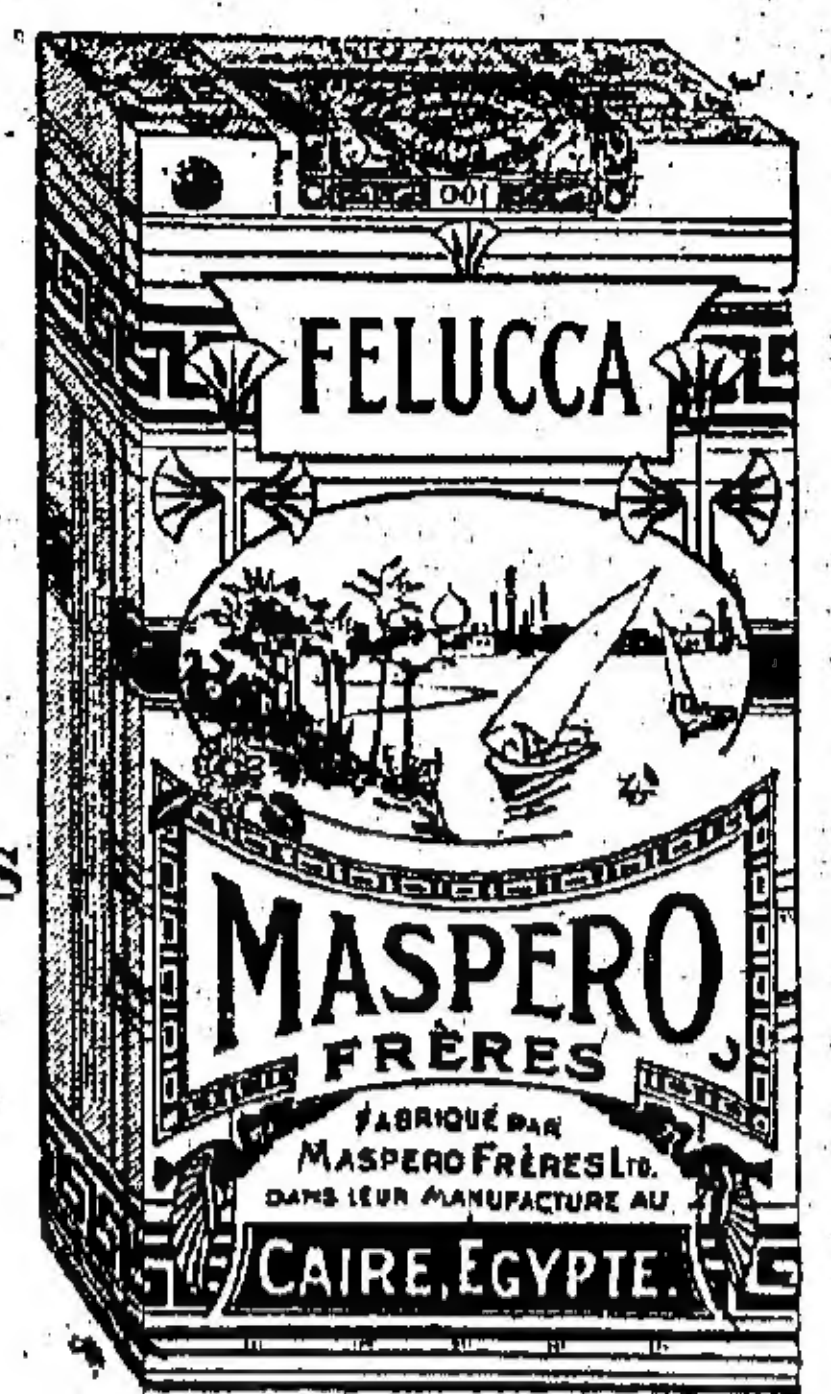
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